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A Little Child's Christmas.

Certainly the very young child knows  
as little about Christmas as anything  
in the world. But for weeks everybody  
who loves her has been telling her about  
Christmas, and Santa Claus, and the  
Christmas tree and all that goes on it,  
and showing her Christmas pictures.

When the day comes and the tree is  
adorned with tinsel glory, and the dollies  
are all there in the beds and cribs and  
rocking chairs, and the little dishes are  
on the little table, and a whole Noah's  
ark of animals prowling about, and  
cakes and candy galore, and everybody  
paying court to her highness, she knows  
that this is what she has been looking  
for.

And with what delight she feasts her  
young eyes on all these tokens of love.  
With what warm solemnity she sits  
down to her little table and pours out  
the coffee that isn't there, and sweetens  
it with sugar you can't see, and pours  
in the imaginary cream, all in droll imi-  
tation of mama. She hasn't many words  
in her vocabulary, but she does her level  
best to tell the delight her eyes have al-  
ready shown.

It is worth having a little child about  
the house if only for the selfish joy of  
beholding a little child's Christmas.

Next Christmas President McKinley  
will preside over the white house turkey  
and things. What a change that will be.

Recognizing a New Country.

The President's recognition of the  
Greater Republic of Central America,  
is commented on as showing what the  
President may do. It has not been  
doubted that the President is authorized  
to do just what he has done.

The new country is composed of Hon-  
duras, Nicaragua and Salvador, three  
independent countries which saw fit to  
combine into one greater. The move-  
ment was peacefully accomplished.  
There was no war, and nobody had a  
right to object. It is impossible to find  
any analogy between this case and the  
Cuban case. To recognize Cuba might  
bring on war with Spain.

Since Congress alone has power to de-  
clare war, it was an arrogant assump-  
tion for the secretary of state to come  
blustering into the newspapers with the  
declaration that Congress has nothing  
to do with recognizing a new country,  
and the executive everything.

It is true that Christmas upsets the di-  
gestion, but then we have a whole year  
in which to get over it and rearrange  
the internal economy.

Banking in Chicago.

The Chicago banks are stoutly de-  
fended against the charge that they  
viciously allowed the Illinois National  
Bank to go to the wall. It is said in  
their defense that they are ready at all  
times to stand by any one of their num-  
ber that is solvent and pursuing its busi-  
ness on business principles.

In view of the admitted methods of the  
Illinois bank it does not appear that the  
other Chicago banks need any defense.  
Men desirous of picking up cheap  
electric railway property on which  
the bank had made large loans may have  
taken a twist on it, but there is nothing  
to show that the great banking concerns  
of Chicago were in any sense parties to  
the railway movement.

Since the bank was doing business as  
it was, it was well for it to be stopped  
while there was something left for the  
depositors. Delay might have been very  
costly.

Wheeling had as beautiful a Christ-  
mas as there was in the world. The day  
was unusually bright and the tempera-  
ture not too low for out-of-door enjoy-  
ment.

Olivera Means Business.

General Rivera, Macco's successor,  
sends to General Weyler, as a sort of  
Christmas gift, his assurance that if  
the Spaniards kill any more "pacifists,"  
that is to say, non-combatants, he will  
retaliate by killing an equal number of  
Spanish prisoners.

This is a grim message telling of a  
harsh purpose, but it is one way of bring-  
ing the Spaniards to their senses and to  
compel them to respect one of the cus-  
toms of civilized warfare.

If Weyler cares anything for his men  
who fall into the hands of the Cubans,  
the slaughter of non-combatants will  
end. All the world would rejoice over  
that.

Defective Naval Plates.

The report of the naval board on steel  
plates for naval vessels suggests two or  
three pertinent thoughts. Were the  
specifications right? If not, whose fault  
is it? If the specifications were right  
how does it come that defective plates  
were permitted to go into construction?

The government details officers of the  
navy to inspect the plates. Are these  
officers incompetent? Are they dis-

honest? Are manufacturers of plates  
ready to slip in defective work when  
they can? Do they make it profitable  
to the government inspectors to let de-  
fective work pass the official inspection?  
Is it impossible for the government to  
make sure of the quality of plates be-  
fore it puts them in place?

If the government were a private per-  
son it would take good care to guard  
its interests, and it would probably know  
exactly what grade of material it was  
getting for its money. A great govern-  
ment should be as able as an individual  
to guard its interests. Congress should  
look into these plate contracts and see  
whether it can ascertain what is the  
matter.

The "eminent gentlemen" who com-  
pose Congress will be glad of a chance  
to "sit down on" the executive branch  
of this great and growing government.  
The executive branch got waspish and  
stung them.

Facta vs. Tumble.

The following from the Shepherd-  
stown Register is a sample of the  
tumble being indulged in by the un-  
reconciled Popocratic press in this and  
other states:

The failure of several of the most  
important banks in the northwestern  
states is not at all reassuring to those  
persons who were led to believe that  
the business salvation of the country  
lay in electing Mr. McKinley President.  
The truth is, the business of this coun-  
try is in bad condition, brought about  
under this very same gold standard,  
and a continuance of the system will  
bring still further trouble. The humbug  
practical before election, is simply  
showing itself in its true colors now,  
and the people will have their eyes  
opened during the next year.

Two or three points should suggest  
themselves to intelligent people on  
perusing such comments as this.

First, every child knows that Presi-  
dent-elect McKinley has not yet been  
inaugurated and neither he nor his  
party has had opportunity to carry out  
the pledges laid down in the Republi-  
can platform.

Second, every newspaper reader  
knows that the two most important  
bank failures referred to were due, not  
to our monetary system, but, in one  
instance, to the injudicious and even  
unlawful conduct of bank officers, and  
in the other case to reckless speculation  
—conditions that would cause failure  
under any sort of currency system  
and in the very best of times. The  
smaller failures were caused by the big  
ones.

A sound currency does not regulate  
men's morals, though it is moral to  
have a sound currency; nor can it save  
a financial institution from the fruits  
of reckless business methods. Neither  
could free silver at 16 to 1.

If the newspapers will kindly but  
firmly let Mr. Bryan alone some of them  
will be surprised as much as others will  
be pleased to see how soon he will drop  
out of sight. Only persistent advertis-  
ing prevents an eclipse from coming his  
way.

In Case of War.

It is not reassuring, and not pleas-  
ing to our strong national pride to be  
told that we are very far from being  
prepared for war, even with such a  
power as Spain.

The specifications point to our un-  
protected coasts, our lack of sailors in  
the navy, our shortage of ammunition  
for that branch of the service, and our  
totally inadequate supply of arms for  
such an army as we might have to put  
in the field.

Nobody doubts that we could raise  
an army fast enough, but we could not  
equip the men in a day. We go always  
on the supposition that we are to have  
no war, and yet we bluster and talk war  
on every slight provocation.

A nation of our magnitude, having  
vast interests to protect, assuming to  
hold a dominant position in the west-  
ern hemisphere, should be in better  
condition than we are in to assert it-  
self whenever that is the thing to do.

The very fact that we are known to  
be unprepared may get us into trou-  
ble that would not be thrust upon a  
country of our size equipped as ours  
should be to take the best care of it-  
self.

Reform in Cuba.

The reforms which Spain is said to be  
ready to grant to Cuba would doubt-  
less have been very acceptable before  
the Cubans undertook one more to  
try to win reform by force of arms.  
Whether they can now be induced to  
listen to any Spanish promises is a  
question.

The probable answer to the question  
is that the Cubans will exhaust them-  
selves before they will listen to any  
promises of reform. Their representa-  
tives in this country insist that the  
cause is so strong that its advocates  
have no occasion to listen to any  
Spanish promises.

Unless there is in this country a de-  
cided misunderstanding of the situa-  
tion in Cuba the Cubans will not lay  
down their arms until they shall have  
been whipped or shall have achieved  
their independence.

Everything indicates that the Cubans  
understand the struggle to be a war to  
the death, and that they will neither  
ask nor accept any compromise. It  
may be that the Cubans will fail to  
win their independence, but this is the  
spirit in which independence is won.

OF INTEREST TO WHEELING.

The New Phases of Iron and Steel Pro-  
duction North and South—The Contest  
for Supremacy.

Pittsburgh Post of 25th: Much in-  
terest has been excited by the move-  
ments of the Carnegie steel company to  
maintain its position as the leading pro-  
ducer of steel in the world. The ad-  
vance of open-hearth basic at the ex-  
pense of the Bessemer process, and the  
development of the iron ore deposits of  
the south promise to work a great  
change in the American steel industry,  
and while some persons given to specu-  
lation on the lines of the Carnegie com-  
pany have figured that it is providing  
against the competition of the Lake  
superior steel producers, yet those in touch  
with the onward march of progress in steel  
making do not attribute Mr. Carnegie's  
actions to any such motive.

With the improvement in the practice  
of open-hearth steel production, the  
south will in great iron ore fields, has  
an opportunity to attain a command-  
ing position in steel production. The  
southern ores are particularly suitable  
for open-hearth steel, and it is the ex-  
pectation that open-hearth furnaces will  
supplant the Bessemer converter en-  
tirely at no distant date. The Carnegie  
steel company is preparing for the  
change, and has plans for the addition  
of furnaces which will give it a very  
large capacity. The company has more  
money invested in the steel business  
than any concern in the world, and is

investing more for the purpose of pro-  
tecting itself and to make permanent the  
position that Pittsburgh holds to-day,  
as a center of steel production.

Early in 1920 Andrew Carnegie, at a  
banquet tendered him by the business  
men of Birmingham, Ala., in answer to  
the question, "How does Birmingham  
compare with Pittsburgh in cost of pro-  
duction of pig iron?" said:  
"Pittsburgh is strong, but Birmingham  
is the crown prince, and will some day  
reign."

Mr. Carnegie undoubtedly had in mind  
the new era in the steel industry which  
is now dawning.

The position of the south to the great  
markets is not equalled by any other  
section of the country, Pittsburgh not  
excepted. Five miles per ton per mile in  
the freight on pig iron from Birming-  
ham to Chicago and the central west,  
and when the time comes, as it will soon,  
that basic steel made from the cheap  
southern grade of pig iron will supply  
the markets entirely, the southern pig  
iron will be a factor of considerable  
size in the market. The south can, when  
she awakens to the fact, make basic steel  
at no low a figure as to give her the  
"edge" on the steel market of the middle  
states and the rapidly growing north-  
west.

Andrew Carnegie, like all rulers for-  
gotten, is not the existence of the "crown  
prince," and is providing against being  
forced to abdicate before he is ready to  
lay aside the crown he has worn so loy-  
ally for many years, and with so much  
profit to Pittsburgh. Hence the im-  
mense improvements in furnaces, trans-  
portation facilities, and increased hold-  
ings of ore properties. The iron king  
has lost none of his foresight or vigor.

To illustrate the relative position of  
Pittsburgh and the southern iron pro-  
ducer at the present time, the following  
table will show:

ALABAMA.	
Labor cost on ton of southern pig.....	\$ 3.50
Two tons of ore.....	1.20
Transportation.....	.25
Coke, per ton.....	2.00
PITTSBURGH.	
Limestone, per ton.....	\$ 1.25
Two tons of ore.....	1.20
Coke, per ton.....	2.00

While the southern pig furnaces, by  
reason of proximity to the ore deposits,  
have very much the best of it in cost per  
ton, developments within a short time  
will show that the Carnegie steel  
company will be enabled to produce pig  
iron on a basis which will enable it to  
compete with the producer having the  
most advantages on natural position in  
the country, and the price it sets on pig  
iron will be as absolute as the price  
fixed by the Standard oil company for  
crude petroleum.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

The female manager of one of the lead-  
ing insurance companies in California  
receives \$10,000 a year.

An unmarried woman has made a re-  
putation in Gage county, Nebraska, as  
a corn husker, doing seventy-five bushels  
a day.

William A. Wilde, of Boston, has pre-  
sented to the Acton Memorial Library  
marble busts of Washington and Lin-  
coln, the work of the sculptor, T. Ball,  
now in Italy.

There is but one monarch of Europe  
who can show the scar of a wound re-  
ceived in war. It is King Humbert, who  
received a severe sabre cut at the battle  
of Custoza.

Joseph Juneau, the founder of the  
Alaskan city which bears his name, has  
returned to San Francisco after an  
absence of thirty years. He first went  
to California by the overland trail in  
1851.

The Duc d'Orleans has bought York  
House, Twickenham, where the Comte  
and Comtesse de Paris resided at the  
time of the Duc's birth; and he and his  
wife will make it their headquarters  
while in England.

A copy of Isaac Walton's "Complete  
Angler," first edition, 1852, sold in Lon-  
don recently for \$2,250. At the same sale  
an American Vespucci letter, four hun-  
dred leaves printed in Gothic character,  
brought \$80.

F. A. Bridgman, the well-known Ameri-  
can artist, lives in Paris. His home is  
luxuriously furnished and his atelier is  
said to be one of the most interesting in  
the French capital. He is visited each  
week by scores of Americans.

Rev. James E. Quigley, the Roman  
Catholic bishop-designate of Buffalo,  
was born in Oshawa, Canada, in 1855.  
He was graduated from the College of  
the Propaganda, in Rome, in 1879. He  
has spent a good part of his ministerial  
life in Buffalo.

Cardinal Jean Pierre Boyer, archbish-  
op of Lyons, France, died a few days  
ago. He was sixty-seven years of age.  
Monsieur Boyer was born at Paray-le-  
Monial in 1829. He was doctor of the-  
ology and professor of dogma to the fa-  
culty of theology at Aix, of which institu-  
tion he became the dean in 1876. He was  
bishop of Clermont in 1879, and was de-  
corated by the pope with the pallium in  
1882.

Queen Victoria always wears three  
rings—one that the prince consort placed  
on her finger when they were married;  
her engagement ring, and a slender cir-  
cle, carrying a tiny diamond, a gift from  
her husband that was to be two or three  
years before they were wedded. The  
queen's coronation ring is never out of  
her sight and is worn by her every even-  
ing. It is a band of gold containing a  
cross in rubies surrounded by white  
diamonds. A coronation ring is supposed  
to symbolize the wedding of the sover-  
eign with the nation.

Brown's Red Barn.

Boston Globe.  
"Us folks of Punkin village have had a  
monstrous loss—  
"Twaz not a fine-bred Jersey cow, nor any  
"racin' huns—  
"For punkin ridin' sich as them we wouldn't  
care a darn,  
"But we one and all regret the loss of  
"Brown's red barn."

Of good old Punkin village 'twas the cen-  
ter and the pride:  
"Twaz admired for twenty miles aroun-  
"the country side,  
"Ow Benson Tompkins' windmill is a  
"smashing big cumint,  
"But it tracted no sich 'fention as did  
"Brown's red barn."

It stood atop of Winton hill, where neigh-  
bor Brown resides,  
And punkin ridin' sucs kinds was writ on  
"roof and side—  
"For instance, motus sich as there: "Try  
"Baxter's patent gum,"  
"Please call at Boff's 'Conferville, for the  
"new New England rum."

Before the barn was built a train would  
give 'sich a one shakin' each passin' train  
But now 'twaz built each passin' train  
Has gin a grand salute,  
It made the town look sich like—its sign  
and walls of sich style—at least, so sich  
folks have said.

Las' night 'twaz burnt to ashes, and I  
told 'sich 'twaz a sight—  
In town and fields aroun' about 'twaz  
more like fire than night;  
The Punkin village 'ere brigade were there  
and did their best—  
They saved the horses and the cows, but  
couldn't save the rest.

The second-battled brigade it broke down  
within an hour,  
And arter that to quench the flames was  
no in human power  
The hourly flames 'ere mornin' gobbled  
up the hill cumint,  
And to-day there's naught but ashes left  
of Brown's red barn."

"I burned my fingers very badly. The  
pain was intense. Dr. Thomas' Elec-  
tric Oil brought relief in three min-  
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saw anything like it." Amelia Sward,  
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PROGRESS OF LABOR.

Glass-plated type is new.  
Tacoma has Chinese tailors.

A boycotted Boston magazine has  
failed.  
Mexico sends coal to the United  
States.

New York will enforce the weekly-  
payment-of-wages law.  
Kansas City striking printers will es-  
tablish a co-operative plant.

Boston book-binders advocate the  
use of the union label in schoolbooks.

Lansing, (Mich.), unions are boycot-  
ting the street cars and a local theatre.  
The first union label is said to have  
been adopted in Abyssinia 300 years B.  
C.

New York varnishers want the paint-  
ers to do only the painting, and leave  
the varnishing to the varnishers.

Union roofers in New York have  
lodged a protest with the city authori-  
ties against the employment of pris-  
oners at roofing on the Blackwell's Is-  
land buildings and also at Bellevue  
Hospital.

T. Galloway, a mill manufacturer at  
Gateshead, England, is investigating  
the industrial conditions in this coun-  
try. He says: "Hours of work are much  
longer here than in England. There no  
workman will work more than fifty-  
four hours a week; here I notice that  
sixty and seventy hours a week is the  
rule. Another thing that I have learned  
is that in America a workman can be  
discharged at a moment's notice. That  
cannot be done in England."

The International Association of  
Longshoremen will have representa-  
tives at the forthcoming meeting of the  
Lake Carriers' Association who will be  
prepared to bid for the handling of the  
grain, coal and package freight at all  
the principal ports and the ore trim-  
ming at the upper lake ports. They will  
try to make season contracts. They  
will prove to the lake carriers that it  
will be far cheaper for them to do busi-  
ness with them as an organization than  
to continue the stovepipe system.

No Wound 'Thry Died.

Our Dumb Animals: We have just  
read from the Detroit Free Press an  
amusing account of a lady poet, who  
called upon its editor. It says she was  
twenty years older than she appeared  
to be, and had a hat better suited to a  
child of twelve than a woman of forty-  
five. She told him what a splendid  
paper his was, and how she had sent some  
of her verses to various poets. She said,  
"I sent some of them to Mr. Browning  
just before he died." "I sent some to  
James Russell Lowell, and a few days  
after his death," then she sent some of  
them to our dear Oliver Wendell Holmes,  
and "three days later he died."

The editor had to listen to an hour's  
talk and eighteen verses, of which the  
following was the first:

"Hark! Hark!  
'Tis the meadow lark,  
Singing in the dewy dark  
To what! Tu wheel!  
His song I hear,  
So sweet and clear,  
But him I cannot see;  
And yet I know  
For his song tells me so,  
That he is near  
For do I not hear  
His tu wheel! Tu wheel?"

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tion of the disease, and giving the pa-  
tient strength by building up the con-  
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vent fatal consequences in almost all  
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